

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

June 17, 2019

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

BOOT Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through provision of health care services."

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: JUNE 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Present
	ROXANNE ARNEAUD, MEMBER	Present
	GILLIAN RAI, MEMBER	Present
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
	ANTHONY ROBERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON—INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Absent
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD-INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	DIANE MOORER — IT SUPPORT	
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ. — ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	NONE	

OPEN SESSION AGENDA June 17, 2019

	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0617-01	AGENDA ACCEPTANCE: Ms. Roxanne Arneaud moved for the Board to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Charles Bond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0617-02	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</p> <p>The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting for September 16, 2019 at 2.30pm.</p> <p>Ms. Tracey Ellis welcomed Dr. Gillian Rai to the Board and reported that she and the Boards Licensing specialist were at the NBCOT Leadership meeting in Baltimore, MD. 40 states were present at the meeting and the highlights of the meeting were timelines for processing applications; criminal convictions and effects on licensure, NBCOTs initiative to support state Boards amongst others. It was a very good meeting. Both were also involved in a video interview for NBCOT publication initiatives.</p>	
OS-0617-03	<p>INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <p>The Board welcomed Dr. Gillian Rai to the Board was is looking forward to working with her. The OT Board as of today has 937 active licensees comprising of 858 OTs and 73 OTAs. 38 Recreational Therapists and 4 Dance Therapists. The Board was also updated that the upcoming renewal due to start July 1st will be a paperless renewal and licenses will be able to upload their CEUs and any other supporting documents part of the renewal. A detailed email with renewal guidelines will be sent out on July 1st.</p>	
OS-0617-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</p> <p>The Board Attorney reported that an OT had contacted the Board about her objection to the LGBTQ requirement due to religious beliefs and the OT has been advised that it is a legal requirement of the Board and will have to adhere to it. She also updated the Board of the published rules by the Federal agency of Health and Human services, which favors health professionals to withhold from treating some patients due to religious reasons. Based on that the OT might be able to pursue this exemption through the court system and wanted to let the Board know of that.</p>	1.
OS-0617-05	<p>REGULATION</p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Review of regulatory provisions concerning continuing education and national certification.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>Ms. Roxanne Arneaud made a motion for the Board to amend application</p>	

	by examination section of their regulations to state that an applicant by examination but must a current NBCOT certification. Dr. Gillian Rai seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0617-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>Ms. Roxanne Arneaud made a motion to approve the open session minutes with corrections. Mr. Charles Bond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0617-07	<p><u>MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations</p>	

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019

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